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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

SERIAL NO. : 09/700,148 /  
APPLICANT : Klaus-Peter Gerbling, et al.,  
FILED : December 4, 2000  
EXAMINER : J.C. Einsmann  
ART UNIT : 1634  
FOR : METHOD FOR DETECTING MICROORGANISMS IN PRODUCTS

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

1. This is a petition to extend the period of time one (1) month for filing a response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003.

2. Applicant is: **SMALL ENTITY**

EXTENSION (MONTHS)	FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
One month <input type="checkbox"/>	\$110	\$55
Two months <input type="checkbox"/>	\$410	\$205
Three months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$930	\$465
Four months <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,450	\$725
Five months <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,970	\$985
TOTAL FEE \$465.00		

4. A Response and Notice of Appeal is filed herewith  
5. Charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 and for any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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